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In government circles, however, the crisis is not considered to be passed. The State Department, which looks after the interests of Great Britain's subjects, says it believes France is not looking for the present time. Great Britain's support, her chief ally, doubtful. Chamberlain says:

"England is ready," says the Secretary, "to offer her services as mediator between the two countries, but I am not sanguine that they will be accepted. Germany's inflexibility, which is unfavorable to the cause of peace, will probably estrange England still more, and drive the two powers of France and Russia more closely together. The world will wake up some fine morning to find itself at war."

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DOMESTIC.

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Pages for Leisure.

The General Staff of the Army has completed its plan for the invasion of Canada by the United States. The plan includes the necessary steps for such an action after President Roosevelt called upon the War Department for a copy of its plan of operations in China. The plan, it is understood, has been approved.

Among the important functions of the General Staff is to prepare plans for possible campaigns against a foreign power. The plan for a campaign against American goods was submitted to the General Staff by Secretary Root. The General Staff immediately began preparing details of the campaign. The plan is submitted to the President in the form of a report for his approval.

Of course the scheme connected with it is kept confidential by the authorities of the War Department, but enough has been disclosed to indicate that comments upon the campaign in Spring of 1900 will include 50,000 men into Southern China as soon as it becomes evident that the Chinese government is unable to suppress the uprising. The troops will be taken from the Philippines and will be transported to China in army transports. Reports received by the State Department indicate that the uprising in China may be expected and that the lives and property of American citizens in China are in jeopardy. It is understood that the War Department has had under consideration for some time the plan that has been worked out. The plan has been worked out by the General Staff, and Secretary Root has approved it. It is understood that the plan has been worked out by the General Staff, and Secretary Root has approved it.

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Rails Cost More Here.

The selling price of steel rails abroad by the United States mills was one of the subjects on which Daniel G. Reid, purchasing agent of the Isthmian Canal Commission, testified before the Senate Committee on Interoceanic Canals.

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President Roosevelt has asked Congress to appropriate $100,000 to defray the expenses of the participation of the United States in the Pan-American Congress at Rio de Janeiro next spring. Secretary Shaw appeared before the House committee in advocacy of the law request by the president, and urged that it be placed there to prop up the $50,000 as a phonographic record.

Army Appropriation Bill, carrying more than $60,000,000, was passed by the House, after five days of consideration.

Major Gillette has given up his command in the Philippines to become superintendent of the Philippine Constabulary plant.

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Lieutenant Commander Naomi Tsuguchi, naval attache of the Japanese Legation, is in Washington.

Rear Admirals Colby M. Chester and Albert Kautz were placed on the retired list.

Secretary Grosvenor made a public statement declaring that he was not an applicant for consular appointment.

Hermann Enters Demurrer.

Counsel for Representative Binger Hermann have entered a demurrer to the indictment against their client for destroying timber on the public lands in Oregon, of which he was commissioner. The ground of the demurrer is that the indictment, which was returned by the grand jury, is fatally defective in that it fails to allege that the timber destroyed was on land subject to entry under the laws of the United States.

WOMEN OF THE HOUR.

Queen Louise of Denmark is said to be the richest princess in Europe.

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Mrs. Margaret Curtin, fifty-five years old, a noted scum worker of Chicago, is dead.

Henry Green is said to keep in his safe $50,000 worth of diamonds on hand at all times.

It is said that Princess Eulalia of Spain rejected the Shah of Persia because he had but one wife.

Another group of prominent men, including Fernandez, ex-Secretary of War, has been arrested for conspiracy. The former has been tried by court martial and sentenced to be hanged for poisoning.

Mrs. Alex. Treadwell will shortly be a life of President Diaz from making himself the dictator of Mexico.

Mrs. C. F. Latham, of Grant Co., has the unique occupation of collecting birds' eggs and animals for zoological gardens.

Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt rejoices in the possession of a veritable thing of art that excellent needlewoman. Of Elizabeth.

Mrs. Harvey, of Marvel, Ida., is said to be a landlord or an agent for years old, and, as a girl, knew Abraham Lincoln.

Mrs. Jemima Luke, who wrote the hymn, "I Think When I Read That Sweet Story of Old," is dead. She was the Isle of Wight, in her ninety-first year.

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The "poets' corner" in the cemetery at Alexander Newski Monastery, in Petersburg has been augmented by the grave of Myrrha Lochwitzkaya. The Russian writer of verse is dead, but has left behind numerous poetry.

THOSE WHO TOIL.

The men employed in the Boston cotton mills are agitating for an eight-hour day.

The National Association of Engineers of Stationary and Iron Workers is in New York City.

The soft coal miners, it was expected secede from the agreement if their demands were unsettled.

The Federal Labor Union of Washington, D. C., has elected officers.

The Colored Mine Workers' Benevolent Employes' Association is applying for financial assistance.

During 1904 the chartered employees in Queensland, Australia, numbered 72,000, an increase of 2,000.

Civil service rules and regulations have not hereafter apply, so far as the Isthmian Canal Commission is concerned.

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Flight of Chinese.

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Man Starts Blaze in Hotel.

St. Louis Special.—While laboring under the delusion that the residents of the Hughes, of Lincoln, Neb., began throwing furniture around in his room on the fifth floor of the Planters' hotel, and commencing a lighted lamp and starting a fire. Before he could be overcome by several old superintendent of the Missouri Pacific Hospital, who had been a guest at the hotel for several years